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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY -- JULY 31 AUGUST 2

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SOVIET PRESS:

(- U.S. COVERAGE IS MODERATE IN VOLUME, MIXED BUT
SOUR OVERALL IN TONE;

-- HELSINKI ANNIVERSARY DOMINATED WEEKEND COMMENTARIES; THEME WAS "OPTIMISM" MIXED WITH WARNINGS, AND ARMS CONTROL NOTE WAS DOMINANT, THOUGH MOST WRITERS ALSO MENTIONED BREZHNEV BASKET 11 CONFERENCES PROPOSAL AND WESTERN "INTERFERENCE" IN ITALY.

AUG 1 PRAVDA EDITORIAL LED WITH ARMS CONTROL, IZVESTIYA LED WITH ECONOMIC MATTERS AND STRESSED BREZHNEV'S PERSONAL ROLE; SUPREME SOVIET NATIONALITIES COUNCIL CHAIRMAN SHITIKOV IN IZVESTIYA JULY 31 SPOKE OMINOUSLY OF SEVERE CONSEQUENCES FOR WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN ACHIEVED AND FOR FUTURE IF ARMS RACE AND NEW WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT IS NOT STOPPED SOON; AND ACADEMICIAN M. MITIN IN AUGU 1 KZ TICKED OFF ALL THE SOVIET ARMS CONTROL PROPOSALS THE U.S. HAS TURNED ASIDE AND NOTED "PRESENT U.S. PRESIDENT'S CONCESSIONS TO RIGHT" ON DETENTE. NOVOYE VREMYA ANNIVERSARY WRAPUP BY A. GOGOLEV JULY 30 WORKED IN "RESPECT FOR LAWS AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS" OF EACH COUNTRY IN BASKET 111 DISCUSSION,
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AND CALLED FOR BELGRADE MEETING TO CONCENTRATE ON "POSITIVE ASPECTS, FACING THE FUTURE" AND AVOID EXCHANGE OF "CLAIMS AND COUNTERCLAIMS."

-- ALL THREE CENTRAL PAPERS JULY 31-AUG 1 CARRIED POSITIVE TASS REPORT ON PRESIDENT'S ARMS CONTROL MESSAGE TO CONGRESS; BRANDT INTERVIEW WITH PRAVDA BONN CORRESPONDENT CONCLUDED, HOWEVER, THAT STRUCTURE OF ARMS CONTROL PROGRESS WILL DEPEND HEAVILY ON SALT RESULTS; NOVOYE VREMYA MBFR 9TH ROUND WRAPUP BY K. BORISOV ADOPTED HECTORING TONE TO THROW RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROGRESS SQUARELY IN WESTERN COURT, ESPECIALLY ON DATA EXCHANGE.

-- EUROPEAN COVERAGE, BEYOND DRUMBEAT OF REFERENCES TO WESTERN APPROACH TO ITALY, EXTENDS ITALIAN PROBLEM TO FRANCE AND OTHER WE COUNTRIES ("GENDARMES PLAY DOMINOS", BY V. KUZNETSOV IN NOVOYE VREMYA), AND DEFENDS GDR FOR BORDER INCIDENT, ON GROUNDS OF STATE SOVEREIGNTY, IN STRAIGHT REPORTING AND IN PRAVDA AUG 1 COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN.

-- IN EASTERN EUROPE, HUSAK SAW BREZHNEV JULY 30 AND RETURNED TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA FROM HIS SOVIET VACATION AUG 1.

-- ON MIDDLE EAST, WEEKEND COVERAGE ON LEBANESE SITUATION IS STRAIGHTFORWARD, CONTINUING TO OMIT, HOWEVER, ANY REFERENCE TO SYRIAN MILITARY ACTIVITY ON GROUND. TASS DAMASCUS COMMENTARY ON JOINT SYRIAN-PALESTINIAN COMMUNIQUE IN AUG 1 PRAVDA AND KZ AND AUG 2 FOLLOW UP ON SYRIAN GOVERNMENT STATEMENTS ON COMMUNIQUE EMPHASIZE ANTI-EGYPTIAN ASPECTS.

--JULY 31 CENTRAL PRESS NOTES MEETING BETWEEN "SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE" OF IRAQI PRESIDENT AL-BAKR, MIN INFORMATION AND BAATH PARTY SPOKESMAN, T. AZIZ, AND POLITBURO MEMBER KIRILENKO. AZIZ HANDED OVER "PERSONAL MESSAGE" FROM AL-BARK TO BREZHNEV AND LATER MET WITH FIRST DEP FON MIN KUZNETSOV.

-- JULY 31 PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA COVER MEETING
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UNDER CC CPSU AUSPICES BETWEEN GENERAL SECRETARY PDRY NATIONAL FRONT POLITICAL ORGANIZATION ABDUL FATTAH ISMAIL AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE OFFICIALS KIRILENKO AND PONOMAREV. DEP CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ARKHIPOV ALSO "TOOK PART" IN MEETING.

-- JULY 31 IZVESTIYA AND AUG 1 PRAVDA PRINT BELATED REFERENCE TO EXCHANGE OF TELEGRAMS BETWEEN PODGORNYY AND SADAT ON EGYPTIAN NATIONAL DAY (JULY 23). PODGORNYY'S TELEGRAM REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED WISH OF "SOVIET PEOPLE" FOR EGYPTIAN SUCCESS IN SOLVING PROBLEMS STANDING BEFORE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE.

-- ON AFRICA, JULY 31 IZVESTIYA AND KZ MENTION FORTHCOMING VISIT (AT BEGINNING OF AUG) TO MOSCOW OF SOMALI PARTY-GOVERNMENT DELEGATION LED BY V.P. ALI SAMANTAR.

-- IN AUG 1 KZ NEW MARSHAL USTINOV'S CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAM TO MIN DEF ANGOLA KARREIRA (PHON) ON 2ND

ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING OF ANGOLAN ARMED FORCES IS LINKED WITH TASS INTERVIEW OF KARREIRA IN WHICH HE ATTACKS PEKING LEADERS FOR JOINING U.S. - SOUTH AFRICAN CAMP DURING ANGOLAN LIBERATION STRUGGLE.

-- ON LATIN AMERICA, CONSIDERABLE EMPHASIS IS GIVEN TO EFFORTS OF CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, JAMAICA, AND CUA, TO RESIST U.S. ATTEMPT TO SUBVERT THEIR INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL POLICIES. ALEKSANDR KUZ'MINHCHEV IN JULY 31 PRAVDA'S "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN," V. LAPSKII IN JULY 30 IZVESTIYA'S "INTERNATIONAL NOTES" AND V. CHIRKOV IN JULY 30 NOVOYE VREMYA ALL EMPHASIZE U.S. ORGANIZED CAMPAIGN OF "DESTABILIZATION" DIRECTED AGAINST COUNTRIES OF CARIBBEAN TO BRING THEM INTO LINE, BOTH FOR PURPOSES OF ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION AND TO DETER GROWING INFLUENCE OF CUBA IN REGION. CHIRKOV NOVOYE VREMYA ARTICLE GOES FURTHER THAN OTHERS IN SINGLING OUT CIA ROLE IN ORGANIZING ECONOMIC UNREST IN JAMAICA AND ENDS SOMEWHAT OMINOUSLY WITH COMMENT THAT DESPITE HUGE PROBLEMS POWERFUL ENEMIES AND LACK OF CAPITAL FOR PLANNED INVESTMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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PEOPLE OF JAMAICA "STILL HAVE FAITHFUL FRIENDS..."

--ANTI-DIEGO GARCIA STATEMENTS FROM INDIAN AND SOMALIA SUPPLEMENT TASS ITEMS FROM WASHINGTON PAITING FRASER VISIT AS OCCASION FOR STRENGTHENING U.S. - AUSTRALIAN MILITARY COOPERATION AND AUSTRALIAN SUPPORT FOR DG.

-- NOVOYE VREMYA CARRIES VERY SHARP, OBVIOUSLY AUTHORITATIVE REBUTTAL BY V. TOLIN OF INDONESIAN PRESS CHARGES THAT SOVIETS WANT TO AID INDONESIA ONLY FOR POLITICAL REASONS, WHICH INCLUDES DETAILS OF RECENT TO-AND-FRO ON AID PROJECTS.

-- ON CHINA, TASS POLITICAL OBSERVER M. YAKOVLEV (JULY 31 PRAVDA) DESCRIBES PARA-MILITARY FORCES AS MAOIST ALTERNATIVE TO PLA, "CAPABLE IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES OF NEUTRALIZING AT LEAST PARTIALLY THE ANTI-MAOIST TENDENCIES IN SOME ARMY CIRCLES."

2. U.S. COVERAGE IS DOMINATED BY ARMS CONTROL MATERIAL DESCRIBED ABOVE, BUT ALSO INCLUDES, IN ADDITION TO REGULAR SMALL CARPING PIECES ON U.S. SOCIETY, TWO NASTY COMMENTARIES ON RESTON AND WASHINGTON, D.C. (IZVESTIYA JULY 30 AND PRAVDA AUG 2). KOLESNICHENKO'S PRAVDA "INTERNATIONAL REVIEW" AUG 1, ATTACKS REAGAN FOR VIEWS ON (AND COINCIDENCE OF VIEWS WITH) PRC, AND CONCLUDES THAT SUCH PROVOCATIVE FOREIGN POLICY FORAYS "MERELY WEAKEN THE REPUBLICANS'

POSITION IN COMPARISON WITH THE MANY REALISTIC POSITIONS
IN CARTER'S FOREIGN POLICY PROGRAM."

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